

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 21-0303V

UNPUBLISHED

LUEVENIA BLUEFORT,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: May 8, 2023

Special Processing Unit (SPU);  
Ruling on Entitlement; Concession;  
Table Injury; Influenza (Flu) Vaccine;  
Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine  
Administration (SIRVA)

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*Mary Eileen Holmes, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.*

### RULING ON ENTITLEMENT<sup>1</sup>

On January 7, 2021, Luevenia Bluefort filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*<sup>2</sup> (the “Vaccine Act”). She filed an amended petition on April 20, 2022. ECF No. 17. Petitioner alleges that she suffered a left shoulder injury caused-in-fact by the influenza vaccine she received on October 22, 2018. *Id.* at 1, ¶¶ 1, 8. Petitioner further alleges that she continues to suffer the residual effect of her injury more than six months post-vaccination and that neither she nor any other party has filed a civil action or received compensation for his injury. *Id.* at ¶¶ 7, 9. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

<sup>1</sup> Because this unpublished Ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I am required to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). **This means the Ruling will be available to anyone with access to the internet.** In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), Petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, I agree that the identified material fits within this definition, I will redact such material from public access.

<sup>2</sup> National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all section references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

On May 4, 2023, Respondent filed his Rule 4(c) Report in which he concedes that Petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Respondent's Rule 4(c) Report at 1, ECF No. 27. Specifically, Respondent believes “[P]etitioner's claim meets the Table criteria for SIRVA.” *Id.* at 5. Respondent further agrees that “based on the record as it now stands, [P]etitioner has satisfied all legal prerequisites for compensation under the Act.” *Id.* at 6.

**In view of Respondent's position and the evidence of record, I find that Petitioner is entitled to compensation.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**s/Brian H. Corcoran**

Brian H. Corcoran  
Chief Special Master